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Strong Prices Bolster Increased Washington Pulse Acreage

Dry Edible Peas: The results of a State and National survey in early June show planted acreage of dry edible peas in the U.S. for 2004 estimated at 480,000 acres, up 42 percent from last year. Washington farmers planted dry edible peas on 90,000 acres, 8 percent above 2003 according to the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service. As of May 16, 2004 all the dry pea acreage had been planted, slightly ahead of previous years. North Dakota producers planted 280,000 acres, up 75 percent from a year ago and set a State record.

Lentils: Planted acreage of lentils at the U.S. level for 2004 is estimated at 300,000 acres, up 22 percent from last year. Washington growers plant more lentils than any other state in the nation, 100,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2003 and 25 percent above two years ago. The highest planted acreage level since 1994. High prices this spring have producers very optimistic about this year's crop.

Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted and Harvested by State & U.S., 2003-2004^{1/}

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	55.0	57.0	54.0	56.0
Montana	33.0	50.0	31.0	40.0
North Dakota	160.0	280.0	155.0	265.0
Oregon	6.5	3.0	6.5	3.0
Washington	83.0	90.0	82.0	90.0
United States	337.5	480.0	328.5	454.0

^{1/} Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

Lentils: Area Planted and Harvested by State & U.S., 2003-2004

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	68.0	72.0	66.0	70.0
Montana	30.0	38.0	26.0	35.0
North Dakota	55.0	90.0	54.0	88.0
Washington	93.0	100.0	91.0	100.0
United States	246.0	300.0	237.0	293.0

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Dry Edible Peas: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1994-2004

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1994	82,000	81,000	1,740	1,409,000	11.20	15,781	195
1995	112,000	111,000	2,500	2,775,000	9.60	26,640	240
1996	109,000	108,000	1,300	1,404,000	11.60	16,286	151
1997	126,000	126,000	2,080	2,621,000	7.80	20,444	162
1998	108,000	108,000	2,170	2,344,000	7.80	18,283	169
1999	110,000	110,000	2,020	2,222,000	5.80	12,888	117
2000	65,000	65,000	2,100	1,365,000	6.00	8,190	126
2001	62,000	62,000	2,000	1,240,000	6.40	7,936	128
2002	70,000	70,000	1,900	1,330,000	8.85	11,771	168
2003	83,000	82,000	1,500	1,230,000	8.10	9,963	122
2004	90,000	90,000					

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Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1994	94,000	93,000	990	921,000	13.80	12,710	137
1995	79,000	75,000	1,400	1,050,000	16.90	17,745	237
1996	63,000	62,000	1,100	682,000	17.20	11,730	189
1997	83,000	82,000	1,360	1,115,000	13.00	14,495	177
1998	62,000	62,000	1,350	837,000	11.80	9,877	159
1999	75,000	75,000	1,300	975,000	12.30	11,993	160
2000	85,000	85,000	1,500	1,275,000	9.80	12,495	147
2001	80,000	80,000	1,600	1,280,000	9.40	12,032	150
2002	75,000	75,000	1,400	1,050,000	15.20	15,960	213
2003	93,000	91,000	1,000	910,000	17.20	15,652	172
2004	100,000	100,000					